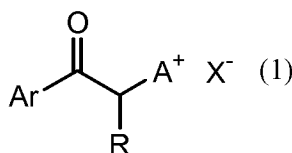


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

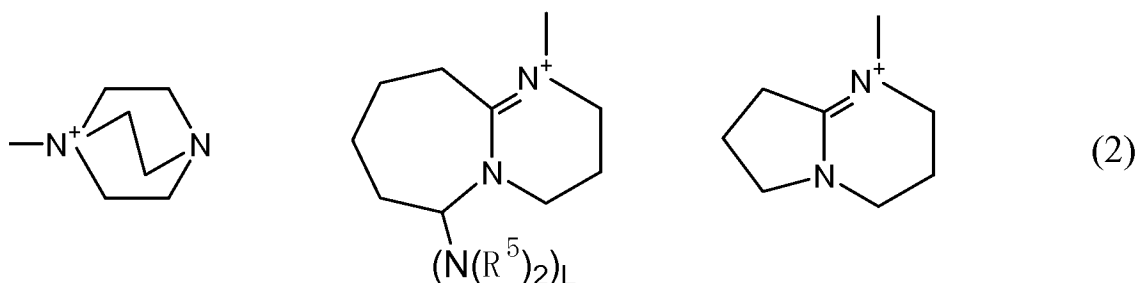
The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and all prior versions, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A photocurable composition comprising (A) an episulfide compound containing a thiirane ring; and (B) a photo-base generator represented by the general formula (1):



wherein Ar is phenyl, biphenyl, naphthyl, phenathryl, anthracyl, pyrenyl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-naphthyl, thienyl, benzo[b]thienyl, naphtho[2,3-b]thienyl, thianthrenyl, dibenzofuryl, chromenyl, xanthenyl, thioxanthy, phenoxanthinyl, terphenyl, stilbenyl or fluorenyl which may be unsubstituted, or mono- or poly-substituted with an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 3 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkynyl group having 3 to 18 carbon atoms, a haloalkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, NO₂, OH, CN, OR¹, SR², C(O)R³, C(O)OR⁴ or halogen wherein R, R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are respectively hydrogen or an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms; -A⁺ is an ammonium ion selected from the group consisting of those represented by the structural formulae (2):

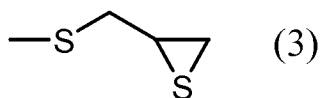


wherein L is 1 or 0; and R⁵ is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms; and X⁻ is a borate anion, an N,N-dimethyldithiocarbamate anion, an N,N-dimethylcarbamate anion, a thiocyanate anion or a cyanate anion.

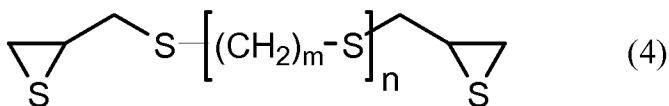
2. (Original) The photocurable composition according to claim 1, wherein in the general formula (1), Ar is an unsubstituted phenyl, biphenyl or naphthyl group.

3. (Original) The photocurable composition according to claim 1, wherein in the general formula (1), the counter anion X⁻ is a borate anion.

4. (Previously presented) The photocurable composition according to claim 1, wherein the compound (A) is a compound having at least one structure represented by the structural formula (3):



5. (Previously presented) The photocurable composition according to claim 1, wherein the compound (A) is represented by the following general formula (4):



wherein m is an integer of 0 to 4; and n is an integer of 0 to 2.

6. (Original) The photocurable composition according to claim 5, wherein in the general formula (4), the integer n is 0, or the integer n is 1 and the integer m is 0.

7. (Previously presented) The photocurable composition according to claim 1, further comprising a solvent capable of dissolving the photo-base generator represented by the general formula (1).

8. (Previously presented) A method for curing the photocurable composition as defined in claim 1 by irradiation of ultraviolet rays.

9. (Previously presented) A method of curing the photocurable composition as defined in claim 1 in the absence of air.

10. (Previously presented) A coating composition comprising the photocurable composition as defined in claim 1, and (C) a modified silicone oil.

11. (Original) The coating composition according to claim 10, further comprising (D) a silane coupling agent.

12. (Previously presented) A method of curing the coating composition as defined in claim 10 by irradiation of ultraviolet rays.

13. (Previously presented) A method of curing the coating composition as defined in claim 10 by irradiation of ultraviolet rays in the absence of air.

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Previously presented) A cured product made by the method of claim 8.

16. (Previously presented) A method for curing the photocurable composition as defined in claim 7 by irradiation of ultraviolet rays.

17. (Previously presented) A cured product made by the method of claim 16.

18. (Previously presented) A cured product made by the method of claim 9.

19. (Previously presented) A method of curing the photocurable composition as defined in claim 7 in the absence of air.

20. (Previously presented) A cured product made by the method of claim 19.

21. (Previously presented) A coating composition comprising the photocurable composition as defined in claim 7, and (C) a modified silicone oil.

22. (Previously presented) The coating composition according to claim 21, further comprising (D) a silane coupling agent.

23. (Previously presented) A coating film made by the method of claim 12.

24. (Previously presented) A coating film made by the method of claim 13.

25. (Previously presented) An optical product provided on a surface thereof with the coating film as defined in claim 23.

26. (Previously presented) The photocurable composition according to claim 1, wherein said photo-base generator is capable of generating at least one of 1,4-diazabicyclo [2.2.2] octane, 1,8-diazabicyclo [5.4.0]-7-undecene derivatives and 1,5-diazabicyclo [4.3.0]-5-nonene, upon irradiation of ultraviolet rays.

27. (Previously presented) The photocurable composition according to claim 1, wherein X⁻ is selected from the group consisting of borate anion, an N,N-dimethylcarbamate anion, a thiocyanate anion and a cyanate anion.

28. (New) The photocurable composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition has the property that it is cured by irradiation with light.

29. (New) The photocurable composition according to claim 28, the composition having the property that is cured by irradiation with ultraviolet light.